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In re: Albert Chin et al. Confirmation No.: 2449
Serial No.: 09/898,710 Examiner: M. Eashoo
Filing Date: July 3, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1732
Docket No.: 1001.1468101 Customer No.: 28075
For: MEDICAL DEVICE WITH EXTRUDED MEMBER HAVING HELICAL
ORIENTATION

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Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.



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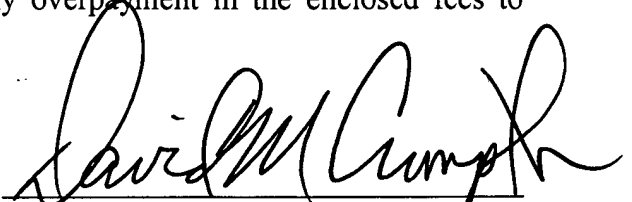
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